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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, GW

SUBJECT: FRG REAFFIRMS POSITION ON NON-RATIFICATION OF  
BW CONVENTION

REFS: (A) BONN 19866 (1975)

(B) BONN 17507 (1975)

(C) STATE 299354(1975)

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON  
FEBRUARY 25, AN FRG FOREIGN OFFICE DISARMAMENT OFFICIAL  
REAFFIRMED THAT THE FRG HAD NO INTENTION OF SUBMITTING  
THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION TO THE BUNDESTAG FOR  
RATIFICATION UNLESS IT COULD BE EXTENDED TO  
BERLIN. HE SAID THE GERMAN POSITION ON THE NEED FOR  
EXTENSION HAD BEEN CLEARLY EXPLAINED PREVIOUSLY BOTH  
IN BONN AND BY POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL AT THE  
DECEMBER QUAD MEETING. THE OFFICIAL CLAIMED FOREIGN  
MINISTER GENSCHER WAS NOT PREPARED TO SEND THE  
CONVENTION TO THE BUNDESTAG UNLESS AND UNTIL IT  
CONTAINS THE BERLIN CLAUSE. HE THEN CITED THE NPT  
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AND SEABEDS TREATY AS TWO PREVIOUS EXAMPLES OF ARMS

CONTROL AGREEMENTS WHICH WERE EXTENDED TO BERLIN, REPEATING THE FRG CONTENTION THAT THE BW CONVENTION MUST BE DEALT WITH IN THE SAME MANNER. FINALLY, THE OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT THE FRENCH WERE REVIEWING THEIR POSITION ON THE ISSUE IN LIGHT OF THE FIRM FRG STANCE.

2. COMMENT. THE EMBASSY IS STILL AWAITING GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON THE EARLIER FRG DEMARCHES (REFS A AND B). GIVEN SAUVAGNARGUES COMMENTS AT THE QUADRIPARTITE MINISTERIAL MEETING OPPOSING EXTENSION OF THE BW CONVENTION TO BERLIN (REF C), WE ARE RATHER SKEPTICAL THAT FRANCE IS, IN FACT, RECONSIDERING ITS POSITION. HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY OF AN FRG APPROACH TO THE FRENCH AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, CONCEIVABLY AT THE NICE SUMMIT, CANNOT BE RULED OUT. WE WILL CHECK WITH THE COMPETENT FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICER WHEN HE RETURNS FROM FRANCE. ANY INFORMATION WHICH EMBASSY PARIS MAY HAVE WOULD BE WELCOME.  
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